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Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 51/4 of 24 October 1996 relating to the promotion of cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States,[1]

Recalling that the purposes of the United Nations are, *inter alia*, to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and to be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends,

Recalling also that the Charter of the Organization of American States reaffirms these purposes and principles and provides that that organization is a regional agency under the terms of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its resolutions 47/20 A, 47/20 B, 48/27 B, 49/5, 49/27 B, 50/86 B and 51/4 of 24 November 1992, 20 April 1993, 8 July 1994, 21 October 1994, 12 July 1995, 3 April 1996 and 24 October 1996, respectively,

Aware that the effective consolidation of a new international order requires regional action in harmony with that of the United Nations,

[1] A/53/272 and Add.1.

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1. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States[1] and his efforts to strengthen that cooperation;

2. *Takes note with satisfaction* of the exchange of information between the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Organization of American States with respect to the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and that the Department is helping to keep the Organization abreast of the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development;

3. *Recognizes* the work being done by the Organization of American States, on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary, in the field of regional cooperation and in connection with its task of coordination with the United Nations;

4. *Welcomes* the undertaking of technical cooperation activities under the United Nations Trust Fund for New and Renewable Sources of Energy, established by the Government of Italy, to assist small island developing States, including States members of the Organization of American States;

5. *Recommends* that a general meeting of representatives of the United Nations system and of the Organization of American States should be held in 1999 for the continued review and appraisal of cooperation programmes and of other matters to be mutually decided upon;

6. *Expresses* its satisfaction at the exchange with the Organization of American States of information and substantive reports on the advancement in the status of women, youth matters and the eradication of poverty;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

8. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fifth session the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States".